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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

CONNORS et al.

Serial No. 09/091,508

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For: SEPARATION ARRANGEMENT

Group Art Unit: 1723

Examiner: M. OCAMPO

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants petition to extend the response deadline by three months, i.e., to and including April 27, 2000, and enclose the appropriate fee in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136(a).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-13 without prejudice.

2. (Amended) A separation element comprising:

(a) a hollow pleated pack having first and second ends and an interior and including a porous medium comprising a polymeric material or a glass fiber material, the hollow pleated pack being at least about forty inches in length and having an interior diameter of at least about two inches; and

(b) [no more than two] first and second end caps, each end cap being connected to an end of the pack[.], wherein one of the first and second end caps, includes a seal having a larger outside diameter than the largest outside diameter of the hollow pleated pack and the other end cap.

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